

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

et al.

Appln. No.: New

Filed: February 28, 2006

For: **MULTI-PART COMPOSITE VALVE FOR AN INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE**

Attorney Docket No.: 3926.242

Customer Number: 30448

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Attn: **Mail Stop PCT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.